

LOCAL LEADERSHIP ON MOBILITY, MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Hosted by the World Bank, JMDI and UNITAR

And under auspices of the UN Secretary-General's Special Representative on Migration

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9:00 – 13:00

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Second Floor, Front Room

53 East 11th Street (between Broadway & University)

Introduction

In an increasingly mobile world in which individuals identify as much, if not more, with their city than with any other geographical reference, local leadership is crucial in developing “living together” policies that are inclusive, insightful and that are coordinated with other metropolises.

With the backdrop of hyper diversity and rapid urbanisation, attention is shifting to local and regional governments' *de facto* or *de jure* competencies in governing migration in policy spheres ranging from: integration, re-integration, legal protection, education, public order, economic development, health and urban planning. Often, they must act in the face of multiple challenges linked to the changing face of urban/rural populations; harsh economic landscapes; rapid, concentrated social change; difficult political climates; and new kinds of integration policies.

Background

On 4 October 2013 during the UN High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development, a first UN convening on the issue of migration and development for local and regional government representatives took place. It was organised by the World Bank, UNITAR, the Joint Migration and Development Initiative (JMDI) and under the auspices of the Office of the UN Secretary-General's Special Representative on Migration.

The October 2013 meeting led to the establishment of the Mayoral Forum on Mobility, Migration and Development that took place on 19-20 June 2014 in Barcelona. Its outcome document, the “Call of Barcelona” was endorsed by the 30 Cities represented.¹

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This meeting supports the 2014 UN General Assembly resolution on migration and development in which there is a recognized need to strengthen synergies on this topic at all levels including the global, regional, national and local levels.ⁱⁱ Moreover, it corresponds to the UN Secretary-General's eight-point plan, which emphasizes enhanced migration partnerships and cooperation.ⁱⁱⁱ Its findings will be discussed at the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) in Istanbul in October 2015.

Objectives:

1. Understand the relationship between local, regional and national decision-making on human mobility, and the extent to which local and regional government may or may not have greater scope of action;
2. Learn more about concrete efforts undertaken by cities in the face of greater diversity and urbanization, and whether such efforts may have broader relevance across different cities and regions;
3. Constructively challenge existing and emerging methods of partnership on cities;
4. Explore how the international community can further support local efforts, and the role and potential impact of local leadership in key inter-governmental meetings including the GFMD.

Programme

- 9:00** **Opening**
Dr. Colleen Thouez, Senior Research and Training Advisor, UNITAR
Dr. Sonia Plaza, Senior Economist, World Bank KNOMAD
- 9:15** Panel 1: City Initiatives and Lessons Learned on Migration, Mobility and Governing Diversity
- City of **New York**
Commissioner Nisha Agarwal, Office of Immigrant Affairs, New York City
 - City of **Hamilton**
Dr. Sarah V. Wayland, Research Associate at the Centre of Excellence for Research on Immigration and Settlement (CERIS) - The Ontario Metropolis Centre and Owner of Wayland Consulting
 - City of **Barcelona**
Ms. Laia Roig, Head of the Migration and Interculturality Department
 - City of **Quito**
Mr. Cristian Espinosa, Metropolitan Director of International Relations

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- City of **Johannesburg**

Chair: Mr. Kodjo Mensah-Abrampa, acting team leader of the Inclusive and Accountable Institutions Unit, Governance Cluster, UNDP

10:40 – 11:00 Coffee served

11:00 The Mayoral Forum on Mobility, Migration and Development and “Call of Barcelona”: Significance and Next Steps

- City of **Barcelona**
Ms. Laia Roig, Head of the Migration and Interculturality Department
- City of **Quito**
Mr. Cristian Espinosa, Metropolitan Director of International Relations

Chair: Ambassador Luis Gallegos, former Ambassador of Ecuador, Senior Special Fellow, UNITAR

11:40 Panel 2: Assessing how International Partners can and do Support Cities

- Office of the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on Migration (SRSG), Sir Peter Sutherland
Mr. Gregory A. Maniatis, Director, Office of the SRSG
- Joint Migration and Development Initiative (JMDI)
Ms. Cecile Riallant, Programme Manager
- International Organisation for Migration (IOM)
Ms. Amy Muedin, Senior Programme Assistant
- Government of Switzerland
Ms. Bettina Etter, Programme Officer, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)
- Cities of Migration
Ms. Kim Turner, Project Leader
- Metropolis
Dr. Howard Duncan, Executive Director

Chair: Ms. Sonia Plaza, World Bank KNOMAD

12:40 Questions and Answers

13:00 Close
Ms. Cecile Riallant, JMDI
Ms. Sonia Plaza, World Bank KNOMAD

Background reading

Call of Barcelona, First Mayoral Forum on Mobility, Migration and Development, 20 June 2014
<https://www.unitar.org/dcp/sites/unitar.org.dcp/files/Call%20of%20Barcelona%20-%20Mayoral%20Forum%20on%20Mobility%2C%20Migration%20and%20Development.pdf>

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<http://www.migration4development.org/content/mapping-local-authorities%E2%80%99-practices-area-migration-and-development-new-jmdi-report>

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Migration Policy Institute (MPI), “Fostering Inclusive Identity Where it Matters Most : at the Local Level,” Transatlantic Council Statement, Rotterdam September 2014
<http://www.migrationpolicy.org/research/fostering-inclusive-identity-where-it-matters-most-local-level>

Organisers

The **Global Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development (KNOMAD)** is envisaged to be a global hub of knowledge and policy expertise on migration and development issues. KNOMAD draws on experts from all parts of the world to synthesize existing knowledge and generate new knowledge for use by policy makers in sending and receiving countries. KNOMAD works in close coordination with the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) and the Global Migration Group (GMG). The World Bank has established a multi-donor trust fund to implement the KNOMAD. The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) are the largest contributors to the trust fund. Within the World Bank, KNOMAD is located in the Development Prospects Group of the Development Economics Vice-Presidency (DEC).

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Platform on Human Mobility, the first global platform dedicated to training local and regional authorities on all aspects of migration and human mobility through a blended learning approach.

The **Joint Migration and Development Initiative (JMDI)** is an inter-agency global programme financed by the EU and Swiss Development Agency and implemented by UNDP in partnership with IOM, ITC-ILO, UN Women, UNHCR, UNFPA and UNITAR aimed at strengthening the contribution of migration to development by reinforcing its local dimension. More information here: www.migration4development.org.

i (including Barcelona, Athens, Lisbon, Paris, Quito, La Paz, Sincan, La Unión, Bilbao, Budapest, San Salvador, Cologne, Ankara, Seoul, Malaga and Milan) is available from: <https://www.unitar.org/ldp/facilitating-policy-dialogue>.

ii UN General Assembly Resolution (A/C.2/69/L.61)

iii UN Secretary-General Report (A/68/190) "Making Migration Work: an eight-point agenda for action"
http://www.un.org/en/ga/68/meetings/migration/pdf/migration_8points_en.pdf